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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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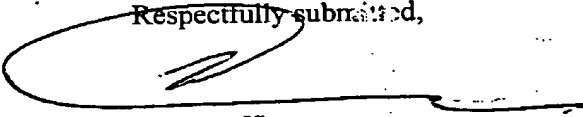
This is a response in the above-identified patent application to a Restriction Requirement Action dated 12/16/03.

With respect to the selection of invention, Applicant selects invention 1, claims 1-26. Furthermore, Applicant selects from this Invention, Species A, as depicted in Figure 1 and encompassed by claims 1-15, 17-18.

Applicant traverses on the grounds that although Species A and Species B are patentably distinct, that Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner and states that claim 15 is generic and furthermore that the Markush claim 18 encompasses the limitations of both Species A and Species B and since claim 18 is encompassed by the elected Species that no undue burden will befall the Examiner by examining both Species A and B.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the requirement for an election/restriction be partially withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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